

# Advancing Rural Health Care Expertise in Wyoming

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#### Linkage

- National Rural Health Association (NRHA)
- National Organization for State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH)
- Rural Assistance Center (RAC)
- Technical Assistance Services Center (TASC)

#### Education/Training

- Grants Writing Course
- Grants Management Course
- Rural Health Policy Institute (Sharla)
- Rural Voices Leadership and Policy Workshop (Jeff)
- Rural Health Clinic Conference (Jeff)
- Rural Health Works
- Rural Health Solutions
- NOSORH Leadership Institute (Sharla)
- Hosting NOSORH Region E Annual Conference (Laramie, Aug 19-20)



# Building Momentum for Rural Health in Wyoming

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#### Increased interest in grants

- Physician Recruitment Grant
  - 2008 45 applicants (19 communities, 18 counties, \$2.9M requested)
    - 5 awards, \$400K total
  - 2010 9 applicants (8 communities, 7 counties, \$850K requested)
- Magnet Grant
  - 2 applications (only 2 eligible), 2 awards
- Small Hospital Improvement Grant
  - 9 applications, 4 awards
- Community Assessment Grant
  - 10 applications, 9 awards



## Increased interest in LRP

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### Wyoming Healthcare Professional Loan Repayment Program

- 2006: 132 applicants vs. 24 awards (2 cycles) \$1M
- 2007: 369 applicants vs. 144 awards (2 cycles) \$5M
- 2008: 261 applicants vs. 34 awards (1 cycle) \$1.55M (\$450K for PRGP)
- 2009: 2 awards (part of Physician Recruitment Grant Program PRGP)
- Feb. 2010: 0 applicants (used 2008 applications), 7 awards \$459K
- May 2010: 0 applicants (used 2008 applications), 17 awards \$915K
  - Applications not taken for Feb. and May 2010 awards; funding was from leftover PRGP and Governor's Office
- Oct 2010: 200 applicants vs. 13 awards (1 cycle) \$550K (\$450K for PRGP)

### National Health Service Corps (NHSC) LRP

- ORH was successful in achieving 35 renewal or new NHSC site applications, a 45% increase over the previous high two years ago
- ORH increased the number of NHSC participants from 32 to 42, a 31% increase during the last year